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Sorry for being two weeks late, but your editor had to concentrate on helping finish both the latest *UFO* magazine issue No. 18, just released, as well as the 52nd issue of CISU *Notizie UFO* newsletter (abstracts of both will be posted next week).

In order to let you forgive us, here you'll get more stuff than usual about the Italian UFO scene.

RECENT ITALIAN SIGHTINGS

A motorist on the road from Azzida and Purgessimo (Udine) suddenly saw five connected green balls in the sky spreading away in just a few seconds, at 5.15 a.m. on September 2nd [*Messaggero veneto*, 4 September].

A few days later, at 21.30, a council clerk driving his daughter and two of her friends near Tromello (Pavia) met a giant miriad of lights, like a flying merry-go-round hovering 150 meters above the ground, then moving away silently toward the Remondò Air Force radar station, which later denied any detection [*Provincia pavese*, 10 September; investigation by Claudio Cavalli-ni].

IDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

The ball of fire that frightened several campers in Marina di Massa (Massa Carrara) on August 22nd was a small hoax-balloon sent aloft by some foreign tourists. The beach owner revealed he saw the balloon taking off until the nylon rope was cut and the object flew away like a fiery ball [ANSA news agency, August 26].

A similar explanation was put forward by CISU investigators for the red light seen and video-recorded at another camping, in Baia Domizia (Caserta) on August 19: it was unofficially confirmed that it was a military balloon fallen down into the sea [*Il Mattino*, 12 September; investigation by Gior-gio Russolillo and Giovanni Ascione].

Once again U.S. Air Force F-117 stealth aircrafts are rumoured to be the real cause for reports coming from several places in the Treviso province on the evening of August 21: all witnesses described a dark triangular shape with some lights on it, moving fast and silently over them. Military sources, as always, deny any F-117 was flying in that region [*La Tribuna di Treviso*, 26 August].

SIGHTINGS OVER THE CITIES

On the evening of September 20, dozens of calls alerted police and

newspapers of four lights moving rythmically to and fro in the cloudy sky of Naples (Napoli). Actually they were caused by sky-tracker lights at pop singer Claudio Baglioni's concert [*Il Tempo*, 22 September; report by Giorgio Russolillo].

On the following evening it was in Milan that several people witnessed (and unsuccessfully tried to photograph) three moving and fading lights in the sky, which showed all characteristics of disco-lights [*Corriere della sera*, 23 September; report by Giancarlo D'Alessandro].

ERRATA CORRIGE

Terry Colvin (colvint@fhu.disa.mil) e-mailed me to correct an unfortunate error of mine in *CISU*Flash* No. 2: Italian ufologist Mario Cingolani died from a heart attack, not from a heartache, of course. Sorry for the mistake and thanks to Terry.

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- to promote the scientific study of UFO phenomena in Italy;
- to help circulate information about UFO phenomena and studies;
- to coordinate national activities of data collecting and studying.

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